

abbey. Favoured as it by the
Papacy, in
closest connection with the Empire of
the West,
of enormous resources and prestige,, we
seen what an injiorlant |>art in the
two
centuries of Norman conquest was
played by the
great monastery.

it was not only that Monte Cas&tno
wag the
first of all Western ablwys, but its
{xmition on the
great hill commanding the road from
Homo south
to Capua, whose sitnwi.it was crowned
by its half-
castellated walls, made it of supreme
importance. At the commencement of the
twelfth
century it represented along with the
city of
Benevento practically ail that survived of
Lombard
domination *m* Southern Italy, The of
with the Pope and the Empire made it
once more a
battleground of the form We
how, in of innocclnt the
HUdebrandine
party, the eloquence; of f*etcr the in
the
camp of Logojtettole

the
Mundobwdfam of the Empire over the
But the days of the tni)x*riat
connection were
numbered. In i 1311 and 1132, had
confirmed
the of the abbey. Lotltar in
1137,
In installing Wibaid as abbot, for the
last
time the
affirming all its styling It " the i|
of the Bmperor,"
the confirmation of the the

of the Empire, In 1147,
by the of the